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SUBJECT: CONSTRUCTION BAN ON WEST BANK LAND NEAR AL-BIRA

REF: JERUSALEM A-24, JERUSALEM 1149 AND PREVIOUS

1. CONGEN HAS RECEIVED TELEGRAM FROM MUNICIPALITY OF ALBIRA PROTESTING A MILGOV ORDER WHICH PROHIBITS BUILDING ON 2,500 TO 3,000 DUNAMS (ONE DUNAM EQUALS APPROX ONE QUARTER ACRE) OF LAND NEAR THE CITY. TELEGRAM INTERPRETS ORDER AS FIRST STEP IN EXPROPRIATION OF THE LAND AND CALLS UPON U.S. GOVERNMENT TO TAKE NECESSARY MEASURES TO RESTRAIN ISRAELI AUTHORITIES.

2. TELEGRAM AND NEWS ACCOUNT DESCRIBE LAND CONCERNED AS JABAL AL-TAWIIL AND MUTRUBAH AREAS LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE CITY TO THE EAST AND SOUTH ALONG THE JERUSALEM-NABLUS ROAD. LANDS ARE DESCRIBED AS SUITABLE FOR AGRICULTURE AND DEVELOPMENT. TELEGRAM ALSO ALLEGES THAT LAND TO THE NORTH OF THE CITY HAS

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BEEN PREVIOUSLY EXPROPRIATED IN ORDER TO ENLARGE

THE MILITARY CAMP LOCATED THERE. (COMMENT: AL BIRA IS BORDERED ON THE WEST BY RAMALLAH).

3. ARABIC PRESS REPORTS THAT AL BIRA MUNICIPALITY HAS REJECTED MILGOV ORDER AND WILL HOLD A MEETING OF THE LAND OWNERS CONCERNED SEP 2.

4. COMMENT: WE WERE PREVIOUSLY UNAWARE OF ANY ISRAELI PLANS FOR LAND IN THE AL BIRA AREA. BAN ON CONSTRUCTION THERE FOLLOWS SOON AFTER FORMAL ORDER OF EXPROPRIATION OF 750 DINAMS NEAR BETHANY AND FENCING OFF OF SEVERAL HUNDRED DUNAMS OVERLOOKING BEIT JALA. (REF: JERUSALEM A-24). NEW MOVE COINCIDES WITH ATTEMPTS BY RESIDENTS OF KYRIAT ARBA TO EXPAND ISRAELI PRESENCE IN AND AROUND HEBRON. (REF: JERUSALEM 1149 AND PREVIOUS). THESE MOVES MAY BE CAUSE FOR PROTESTS AND DEMONSTRATIONS AT THE TIME WHEN SCHOOLS HAVE RESUMED FOLLOWING THE SUMMER VACATION.  
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